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Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

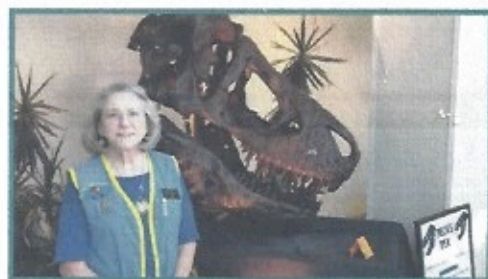
Happy Holidays to one and all! This is the season of so many holidays and celebrations. I hope all of yours are joyful and delightful!

Our club is about to install officers for the coming year at our holiday party. I'd like for every member to think about what they'd like to get out of the club in the coming year. Then don't keep it a secret—tell me. I'm not psychic, so I don't know your thoughts until you tell me or write me. Let's make the coming year fabulous!

URGENT NEED: If you enjoy receiving our newsletters, we need your help. Our devoted newsletter editor, Johanna Fenton, is retiring from the position. We need a new editor asap.

You don't need to be an experienced editor. If your skills are minimal, we'll teach you. But the current board members are already doing a huge job. The position gives you a voting seat on the board if you choose to take it and the gratitude of your fellow club members. Contact Donna@Albrechts.com

Donna Albrecht



NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Monday December 9, 2019

HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

Our always-fabulous holiday party will be on December 9th, we'll start the festivities at 7 pm, a bit earlier than usual. The club is providing turkey and ham, **please bring a dish to share.**

To pump up the holiday fun, we'll have our **ugly sweater contest**, so wear your worst. We'll also have a **voluntary gift exchange**. If you want to receive a gift, bring a gift. If the gender of the recipient is important, please label it man/woman. Any kind of rock-related gift is preferred, which leaves a huge range from cool specimens to lovely jewelry.

See you there!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

No November 2019 BOD meeting was held.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**General Meeting- November 11, 2019
7:33- 9:00pm**

President Donna Albrecht welcomed the members and guests attending the meeting. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Quarters were collected for missing badges. Donna reminded everyone that the December 9th meeting would be our Holiday Potluck Dinner gathering. Hospitality- Kelly Plumb announced the November birthdays and anniversaries. Kelly drew the tickets for door prizes. Kelly asked the members to sign up to bring their potluck dishes for the Holiday Dinner. **Holiday Potluck Dinner on December 9th**, Doors will open at 6:30pm. Dinner to be served at 7pm. Wear your crazy holiday sweaters and hats to join in the festivities!

Secretary/Membership- Mary Jernigan thanked the members for volunteering at the 2019 Club Show making it a successful event. The weekend was busy with activities, interesting displays and Rockhound Fun! Mary reminded the membership that **2020 CCM&GS Membership dues are due now** starting in November. Membership dues are \$20 Adults and \$10 Juniors. Display- Cheryl Morgan invited everyone to come vote on the display competition of beautiful cabs and jewelry made by CCM&GS Club members. President Donna Albrecht introduced author/historian Gregory Crouch, the evening's program speaker. Gregory captured our attention with his detailed storytelling of John Mackay's historical adventures during the California Gold Rush and involvement with the Comstock Lode mines. Gregory's "Bonanza King" story described John Mac-

Kay's struggles from a determined Dublin pauper to successful multi-billionaire. We brushed the clouds of dust off our jeans as we imagined exploring Virginia City's underground diggings in the gold and silver mines!

Submitted by Mary Jernigan— Secretary



Gregory Crouch, November's speaker. Photo M. Jernigan

2020 Membership Dues are Due!

Important CCM&GS Membership
2020 Dues Notice:

Adults \$20, Juniors \$10
effective for 2020 membership year.

**2020 Membership dues are
due and payable beginning
November 1, 2019.**

- Mary Jernigan- Membership

FIELD TRIPS

Jan. 16, 2020

Ye Old Timers Mineral Club's Quartzite Camp. These are a great and fun bunch of Folks to camp with. It's dry camping, with amenities nearby, and open to all Rockhounds and guests. Approximately 5 miles north of Quartzite, right on Plomosa Rd. Watch for YOTMC signs on the right side, about 1.1 miles in.

Jan. 16-20 2019

Quartzite, Az.
Quartzite Improvement Asso.
Powwow Road Trips.
The association sponsors two different field trips a day.

This is an area rich in material. And these are well lead trips.

No further details yet, but keep checking with them at,

<http://www.qiaarizona.org/PowWow.html>

And search around on the site for, "Pow Wow Road Trips."

Rockhounding With Sally!

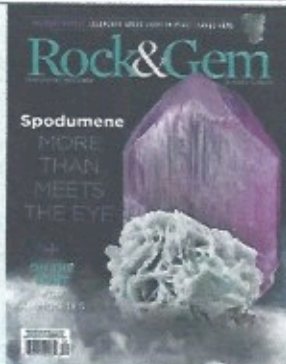


Upcoming Field Trips

ALWAYS CONTACT THE FIELD TRIP LEADER BEFORE THE TRIP!!!

Let me know if you'd like more information on these, or anything else.

So as long as We're within range of a Cel. signal, I'm here, or there, to share any information I have, at olson86@yahoo.com, or (925) 890-7116.



PUBLISHED ARTICLE BY CCMGS PRESIDENT:

Check out the article "**Getting Into the Business: Simple Strategies for Becoming a Rock Show Vendor**" in the December, 2019 issue of Rock & Gem magazine, submitted by our very own President, Donna Albrecht!

DECEMBER'S BIRTHSTONES: Turquoise, Tanzanite, Zircon

Learn about December birthstones from GIA here:
<https://www.gia.edu/birthstones/december-birthstones>

Image: GIA



2019 CCMGS MINERAL & GEM EDUCATION SHOW PHOTOS

All fabulous photos courtesy of M. Jernigan!!!



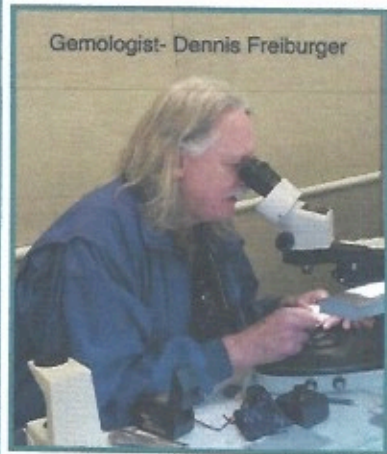
Above: Dick Pankey, Hazel Woolsey, Kim & Dave Kleesattel



Above: Karen Oliver, Taylor Thompson & Mary Jernigan



Left: Mary Hanjes & Terry Caskey



Gemologist- Dennis Freiburger

Above: Gemologist- Dennis Freiburger



Rock Painting

Below: Tumbling Display



Below: Karen Oliver loves petrified wood

Below left: Fluorescent Glows
Below: Terry & Joanne Caskey



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Left: Dick Pankey- Rock Identification
Above: Chuck Olson & Caryl Taraldson
Right: Cheri Elliott & Donna Heath Rock the Silent Auction

Left: Paul Black contacting Aliens with mystery rocks
Below: Betty Pankey- teaching wire rings



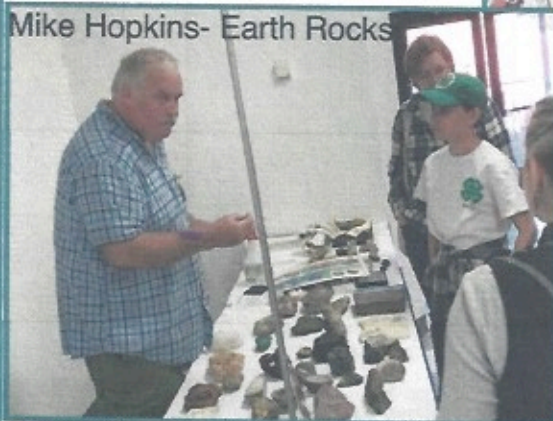
Left: Naomi Morgan- Intarsia

Below: Mario Mihalik really Rocks

Above: Kelly Plumb- teaching wire wrapping

Below: Mike Hopkins- Earth Rocks

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Mario Mihalik

MONTHLY DISPLAY COMPETITION



Members are eligible to enter these competitions and win recognition. As long as there are two or more items entered in the area of competition, the winner is eligible to win a cash prize!

- ◆ **Faceted Stones**
- ◆ **Wearable Art**
- ◆ **Cabochons:** We have three categories for you to compete in:
 - NOVICE:** Any member who has not won the "Pro" designation in previous years.
 - PRO:** Any member who has won the "Pro" designation in previous years.
 - SHAPE OF THE MONTH:** Pros and Novices compete side-by-side.

Upcoming shapes are: **December:** no competition, **January:** irregular, **February:** heart.

DECEMBER, 2019

1	2	3	4 BOD Meeting	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor
8	9 General Meeting - HOLIDAY PARTY!	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Dec. Solstice Hanukkah begins	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				
November 2019			January 2020			Notes:
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MEMBER NEWS



BIRTHDAYS:

Therese Nichandros 12/01
 Terry Caskey 12/02
 Mark Bufton 12/02
 Margaret Henrich 12/08
 Talia Maco 12/08

Suzanne Garrett 12/16
 Tom Hanjes 12/20
 Harry Nichandros 12/24

ANNIVERSARIES:

None



DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING REFRESHMENTS



Holidays Around the World



IMPORTANT: Effective January 1, 2019, renters of City Facilities are **prohibited** from serving food or beverages on/in disposable foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) food and beverage containers.

CCMGS 2019 BOARD MEMBERS

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Donna Albrecht

General Meeting

Monday, December 9, doors open 6:30 p.m., program 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA

The Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society was formed in 1950 to encourage the study of mineralogy, lapidary arts, and field collections.

General meeting on the second Monday of each month at Centre Concord, 5298 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94521 (Clayton Fair Shopping Center between Ygnacio Valley Rd. and Balham Dr. next to Clayton Valley Bowl.)

Visitors are welcome! Bring a friend!

We're on the web!
www.contracostamineralandgemsociety.org

We're on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/groups/CCMGS/

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